

IN THE SPECIFICATION

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5, as follows:**

However, no organic dye materials have been known thus far that melts or degrades to cause the ~~reflective~~ refractive index to change from a relatively low value to a relatively high value by the wavelength range of the recording/reproducing laser of 390 to 420 nm. Also, unlike the case with CD-Rs and DVD-Rs, it is generally considered difficult to adapt the longer wavelength region of the absorbance spectrum to the range of 390 to 420 nm. While some UV-absorbing agents are known to have the longer wavelength region of their absorbance spectrum within the range of 390 to 420 nm, the relatively short conjugate system of, and thus the relatively small molecular size of, the UV-absorbing agents make them less soluble in an organic solvent. Not only does this make UV-absorbing agents unsuitable for use in spin-coating, but it also makes them susceptible to crystallization when the agents are formed into a thin film.